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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, May 2, 2002

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, May 2, 2002, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present: 9:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X
Councillor Anne Johnston	X
Councillor Norman Kelly	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on March 27, 2002, and the Minutes of the joint meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Community Services Committee held on December 12, 2001, were confirmed.

3.1 Research Initiatives - Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Sunnybrook and Women's Health Sciences Centre.

The Committee had before it a report (April 16, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising of various pre-hospital research initiatives being undertaken between Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Sunnybrook and Women's Health Sciences Centre; and recommending that:

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- (1) this report be received for information; and
- (2) City Council acknowledge the collective efforts of Toronto EMS and Sunnybrook and Women's Health Sciences Centre for their work in improving the quality of pre-hospital health care through outcome-based research within the City of Toronto.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Alan Craig, Director, Program Development and Services Quality, Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Dr. Brian Schwartz, Director, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre Base Hospital Program, and noted that an article on the program had been published in The New England Journal of Medicine.

The Chair appointed Councillor Chow Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) congratulated Dr. Brian Schwartz, Director of Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre Base Hospital Program on the publication of the article in The New England Journal of Medicine.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 5)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

**3.2 Toronto Emergency Medical Services -
Revised Complaint Summary Categories.**

The Committee had before it a report (April 3, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising of a revision in the reporting categories by Toronto EMS to summarize public complaint information which are used to define the result of complaint investigations and will better define and more accurately report the outcome of the Toronto EMS Quality Services Review; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(a), Report No. 5)

3.3 Toronto Emergency Medical Services - Monitor/Defibrillators, Sole Source Purchase.

The Committee had before it a report (April 16, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the sole source purchase of 20 monitor/defibrillators from Zoll Medical Corporation in the amount of \$292,707.04 (plus taxes); and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be given authority to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 5)

3.4 Toronto Fire Services - Request for Quotation No. 6115-02-3063 - Triple Combination Rescue Pumper Trucks.

The Committee had before it a joint report (April 2, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that the quotation submitted by Smeal Fire Apparatus Company (alternate) be accepted for the supply and delivery of six (6) Triple Combination Rescue Pumper Trucks used for fire fighting in the City of Toronto in accordance with specifications, at a total price of \$2,779,860.00 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest quotation received meeting specifications.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned joint report.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 5)

3.5 Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System - Six-Month Status Report.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 4, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on April 4, 2002, received a joint report (January 25, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police respecting the Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System six-month status report; and directed that such report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; Chief of Police - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(b), Report No. 5)

3.6 Redevelopment of True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged, 200 Dawes Road - Tender Call No. 57-2002 (Ward 31, Beaches-East York).

The Committee had before it a joint report (April 16, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that Tender Call No. 57-2002 for Redevelopment of True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged, 200 Dawes Road, be awarded to Buttcon Limited in the total amount of \$21,400,766.00 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest tender received.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned joint report.

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 5)

3.7 Research Proposal: “Creating Home in the Institution: Community Development in the Context of Dementia”.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 5, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on April 5, 2002, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of a report dated March 20, 2002, from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the research proposal “Creating Home in the Institution: Community Development in the Context of Dementia” be approved for implementation at Castleview Wychwood Towers;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged contained in the aforementioned communication.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 5)

3.8 Presentation on findhelp Toronto.

The Committee had before it a report (February 19, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the Committee’s request to report on the implementation of the findhelp Toronto project; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee; provided an overhead presentation on findhelp Toronto, the 211 and 211Toronto.ca, and the benefits of the program; noted that the launch date is scheduled for June 13, 2002; and answered questions in regard thereto:

- Ms. Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services Division;
- Ms. Diane Bradley, Director General, Service Delivery, Toronto and York Region, Human Resources Development Canada;

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- Ms. Allyson Hewitt, Executive Director, Community Information Toronto; and
- Mr. Harvey Low, Social Development and Administration Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, with amendment by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report and presentation; and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to submit an update on the findhelp Toronto project to the Community Services Committee for its meeting in February 2003, such report to include details of the linkages with the Toronto Public Library and other City services.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Social Services Division - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(c), Report No. 5)

3.9 Update on the Status of Litigation with the Learning Enrichment Foundation.

The Committee had before it a report (April 15, 2002) from the City Solicitor responding to the request of the Committee to provide an update on the status of litigation with the Learning Enrichment Foundation; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and further directed that the City Solicitor be requested to report to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on June 26, 2002, on the status of negotiations with the Learning Enrichment Foundation, such report to include details with respect to areas of agreement, differences, etc.

(City Solicitor; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Social Services Division - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(d), Report No. 5)

3.10 Community Services Grants Program - 2002 Allocations.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 11, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002, recommended to the Community Services Committee:

- (i) the adoption of a report dated March 27, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Community Services Grants Program - 2002 Allocations; and
- (ii) the adoption of a report dated February 6, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the results of the initial eligibility assessment of applicants under the 2002 Community Services Grants Program, subject to the revised recommendations contained in the March 27, 2002 report referred to in the foregoing Recommendation No. (i).

The Committee also had before it a report (April 15, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the 2002 Community Services Grants Program appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002; and recommending that:

- (1) the appeal fund of \$60,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report;
- (2) an additional \$5,000.00 be allocated to the North York Harvest Food Bank; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it communications from the following in connection with the foregoing matter:

- (April 29, 2002) from Mr. Philip Biggin, Executive Director, Union of Injured Workers of Ontario Inc. (Organization No. 275); and
- (April 25, 2002) from Ms. Joan Wright, Director, Home Support Services and Ms. Romana Gananathan, Executive Director, Central Neighbourhood House (Organization No. 54).

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the recommendations of the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee contained in the communication dated April 11, 2002, from the City Clerk; and
- (2) the adoption of the appeals report dated April 15, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 5)

3.11 Allocation of Ontario Works Targets Incentive Funds.

The Committee had before it the following report and communications:

- (April 8, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:
 - (1) funding of \$5.1 million from the Ontario Works incentive funds included in Toronto Social Services' 2002 Operating Budget be approved to fund 55 projects over the two-year period 2002 to 2003 (as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report), designed to address the needs of at risk youth populations, and related food and hunger and safety issues in disadvantaged communities;
 - (2) funding of \$5.1 million for the projects be accessed by the appropriate operating divisions and boards via the City's Inter-departmental Charge (IDC) mechanism, on a half-yearly basis, or other frequency as approved by Toronto Social Services;
 - (3) the appropriate operating divisions and boards be responsible for the management and administration of the projects;
 - (4) as part of Toronto Social Services' accountability to the Province for the Ontario Works incentive funds, the operating divisions' and boards' project management and administration be consistent with the requirements in this report under the heading "Project Administration," and any other requirements that the Toronto Social Services Division determines to be necessary during the course of the projects;

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- (5) the appropriate operating divisions and boards be requested to submit status reports on the projects to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, to be incorporated in the Commissioner's report to the Community Services Committee during the first quarter of 2003 on the progress of the projects and during 2004 on their final outcomes; and
 - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (April 15, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Task Force on Community Safety on April 15, 2002, endorsed the recommendations embodied in the report dated April 8, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting "Allocation of Ontario Works Targets Incentive Funds"; and
- (April 29, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on April 24, 2002, had before it various reports with respect to new funding for youth programs, and reports for the information of the Community Services Committee having taken the following action in regard thereto:
- (1) requested that the Toronto Youth Cabinet and interested members of the Children and Youth Action Committee assist in the implementation of projects Nos. 14, 17, 18, 19, 51 and 55, as outlined in the report (April 8, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
 - (2) supported in principle the following motion by Trustee Kennedy and directed that it be forwarded to the School Advisory Committee for consideration:

"That the City, Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board and Community non-profit agencies in the City of Toronto, begin to dialogue about exploring innovative alternative models of partnerships for Children and Youth programs";
 - (3) supported the development of the recreation centre at Col. Samuel Smith Park, as soon as possible.
 - (4) requested that the Youth Outreach Workers, Youth Employment Workers and the Community Workers from Toronto Public Health Department and the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, and their managers, meet with

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youth serving agencies to share ideas and identify resources;

- (5) received the communication (April 12, 2002) from the Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration Division; the joint report (April 11, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and the chart (April 2002) from Social Development staff, titled "Ontario Works Incentive Fund (Revised) Funding Proposals"; and
- (6) thanked staff and members of the Toronto Youth Cabinet for a job well done.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report dated April 8, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
Mr. Chris Brillinger, Director, Community Resources, Social Development
and Administration Division - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(e), Report No. 5)

**3.12 Appeals of Funding Recommendations for the
Federal Supporting Communities Initiative -
Small Capital Improvements Project Proposals.**

The Committee had before it a report (April 15, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002, with regard to the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) - Small Capital Improvements project proposals; and recommending that:

- (1) up to \$75,000.00 from the SCPI Small Capital Improvements envelope be allocated to one organization for one project, as recommended in Appendix A of the report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Chair appointed Councillor Chow Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report until the next meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on May 28, 2002, with a request that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services provide additional information pertaining to the grant request from the Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples with respect to:

- the number of homeless clients that would benefit from the use of the elevator;
- confirmation of the number of people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, served by the agency;
- other conditions as outlined in the report; and
- the appropriateness of funding “accessibility” initiatives through the SCPI fund.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; Ms. Trish Keachie, Manager, SCPI - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(f), Report No. 5)

(DEFERRED)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

3.13 Appeal Recommendations and Funding Period Adjustments under the 2001 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund.

The Committee had before it a report (April 16, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002; noting that funding is required to address technical adjustments to the 2001 funding periods for three agencies under the 2001 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund; and recommending that:

- (1) \$15,402.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendix “A” of this report;

- (2) \$40,423.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendix "C" of this report; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 5)

3.14 Appeals Report - Off the Street, Into Shelter Homeless Initiative Report, High-Support Street Outreach.

The Committee had before it a report (April 16, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002, with regard to the Off the Street, Into Shelter Homeless Initiative for High-Support Street Outreach; and recommending that:

- (1) no provision from the appeals fund for the Off the Street, Into Shelter Homeless Initiative is being recommended, for reasons outlined in Appendix B of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 5)

3.15 Final Report on the City's Response to the Jordan Heikamp Inquest Recommendations.

The Committee had before it a report (April 18, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Jordan Heikamp; noting that costs associated with the City activities identified in the report are included in the 2002 budget; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Coroner;

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- (2) the City of Toronto recommend that the Province allocate funding to all Children's Aid Societies to enable them to provide prenatal support to high-risk pregnant women thereby strengthening the network of services available to this population;
- (3) the City of Toronto recommend that the Province provide funding for ongoing training for shelter workers and other service providers to enable them to work more effectively with vulnerable populations such as high-risk pregnant or parenting women;
- (4) the City of Toronto include high-risk pregnant and parenting young women as one priority group for new affordable housing initiatives; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Paula Madden, Young Parents No Fixed Address Group, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Carol Howes, Covenant House;
- Ms. Julie Maher, Yonge Street Mission, Evergreen Centre for Street Youth;
- Ms. Susan Miner, Director, Street Outreach Services, and Loft Community Services;
- Ms. Holly Kramer, President, Parent Finders Incorporated, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Judy Goldie, YWCA; and
- Ms. Gail Yardy, St. Michael's Hospital, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (i) the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
 - (ii) that, in the expansion of the Robertson House model into other shelters, the principle of allowing pregnant young women to stay in the same shelter before and after birth of their babies not be violated, unless in emergency situations; and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on:
 - (i) the establishment of various recommended service protocols or agreements and their implementation; and
 - (ii) the feasibility of establishing supportive affordable housing units for homeless pregnant youth (Jordan Village); and further be requested to work co-operatively with the Young Parents of No Fixed Address Group in this regard.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; All Interested Parties; Secretary, Board of Health; Ms. Susan Shepherd, Social Development and Administration Division - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 5)

3.16 Emergency Shelter Capacity Issues.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 17, 2002) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee at its April meeting again discussed the implications of the current shortage of emergency shelter beds in Toronto despite the ongoing efforts of City staff to open new facilities; and that the Advisory Committee recommended that the City continue to fund Council Fire to enable the overnight shelter services to be provided on

a year round basis.

The Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(g), Report No. 5)

3.17 Income Security Issues.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 17, 2002) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee at its February meeting heard from representatives of the Ontario Legal Aid, Income Security Clinic regarding an initiative that is gaining Province-wide support; noting that the campaign is called "Pay the Rent and Feed the Kids", and focuses on the need to adjust the shelter component of social assistance to better reflect the actual cost of housing in local communities across Ontario; and recommending that the Community Services Committee approve the following recommendations for action:

- (1) that the City of Toronto again recommend that the provincial government increase the shelter allowance component of social assistance to reflect local market rents;
- (2) that Council establish an Income Security Work Group to strategize on how the municipality can advocate on and respond to income security issues as they impact on low-income people in Toronto; and that this Work Group include Members of the Community Services Committee and representatives of the community-based sector with expertise in the area of income security; and
- (3) that the City of Toronto write to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario asking this group to take leadership on a Province-wide advocacy initiative to lobby the provincial government to increase the shelter component of social assistance to reflect local market rents.

The Committee also had before it a communication (May 2, 2002) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, strongly endorsing the recommendations contained in the communication from Councillor Layton.

Ms. Josephine Grey, Low Income Families Together, and on behalf of Income Security Legal Clinic, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and (3) of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons contained in the aforementioned communication from Councillor Layton; and
- (ii) referred Recommendation No. (2) to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that he report thereon to the Community Services Committee with respect to the need, cost, and staff time required to support such a work group, and, if required, on a mandate, terms of reference and proposed membership.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79; Ms. Josephine Grey, Low Income Families Together and Income Security Legal Clinic; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; General Manager, Social Services - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 5)

3.18 “Our Health, Our Say” The Word From the Streets on Ontario’s Health Care System Report.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 17, 2002) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee at its April meeting heard a presentation from representatives of the Ontario Health Coalition, a group of homeless and health service providers in Toronto, who surveyed 240 homeless people regarding their experience of health care services; and the results are compiled in the report, “Our Health, Our Say”; and recommending that:

- (1) the attached report, “Our Health, Our Say”, be received for information;

- (2) the attached report, “Our Health, Our Say”, be forwarded to the Board of Health for information; and
- (3) the City of Toronto recommend that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care issue another communication to physicians across the Province directing them to provide health care to anyone who is homeless regardless of whether they are in possession of a health card; and further that all physicians be directed to use the 24-hour provincial information line to obtain current health card numbers for billing purposes.

Ms. Michelle Coutu, Street Health, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons contained in the aforementioned communication from Councillor Layton, subject to amending Recommendation No. (3) to read as follows:

- “(3) that the City of Toronto recommend that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care issue another communication to physicians across the Province directing them to provide health care to any qualified homeless person regardless of whether they are in possession of a health card; and further that all physicians be directed to use the 24-hour provincial information line to obtain current health card numbers for billing purposes.”

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 5)

3.19 Change in Ownership of Cedarbrook Lodge, a Contracted Supportive Housing Site for the City of Toronto’s Supportive Housing Program.

The Committee had before it a report (April 23, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the change in ownership of Cedarbrook Lodge; and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto enter into an agreement with Retirement Residences Real Estate Investment Trust (Retirement REIT) to provide supportive housing services to

- approved clients of the City's supportive housing program residing at Cedarbrook Lodge;
- (2) a formal evaluation of the supportive housing program within Cedarbrook Lodge be conducted by the City's staff within six months, prior to entering into an agreement for 2003;
 - (3) staff report back to the Community Services Committee on the outcome of the evaluation, if there is a decision not to renew the agreement for 2003; and
 - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 5)

3.20 Development of Partnerships with the Toronto Police Service to Deal with Youth-Related Issues.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 23, 2002) from Mr. Norman Gardner, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board recommending that the Community Services Committee review and encourage agencies that are funded by Toronto City Council through Community and Neighbourhood Services to partner with the Toronto Police Service and school boards on collaborative efforts dealing with youth-related issues to avoid overlap and duplication.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and further directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee, the Task Force on Community Safety, and the School Advisory Committee.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. Norman Gardner, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; Task Force on Community Safety; Children and Youth Action Committee; School Advisory Committee; c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Director, Community Resources, Social Development and Administration - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(h), Report No. 5)

**3.21 Provincial Initiatives: Early Years
Challenge Fund and Early Years Centres.**

The Committee had before it a communication (April 23, 2002) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate, regarding the concerns raised by the Children and Youth Action Committee with respect to the implementation of provincial initiatives, namely the Early Years Challenge Fund and the Early Years Centres, and wherein it recommended that the Chair of the Community Services Committee and the Children and Youth Advocate meet with the new Minister of Community and Social Services to discuss the concerns outlined and seek a solution that will work in the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) concurred in the recommendation contained in the aforementioned communication from Councillor Chow; and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to prepare a report to the Community Services Committee on the issues raised in Councillor Chow's communication, and on issues that have previously been recommended but not implemented by the Province of Ontario.

(Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate; c. General Manager, Children's Services - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(i), Report No. 5)

3.22 Human Rights Complaint - Denture Services Program.

The Committee had before it a confidential joint report (April 11, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor respecting a human rights complaint regarding the Denture Services Program, having regard that the subject matter pertains to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee received the aforementioned confidential report.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Solicitor - May 2, 2002)

(Clause No. 13(j), Report No. 5)

**3.23 Recognition of Ms. Aster Fessahaie -
“2002 New Pioneers Award.”**

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, welcomed to the Committee Ms. Aster Fessahaie, Children’s Services Consultant in the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department; advised that Ms. Fessahaie was chosen by Skills for Change to receive the prestigious “New Pioneers Award” for 2002, which recognizes the achievements of immigrants and refugees who have overcome barriers, achieved personal success, and made significant contributions in the community; and outlined Ms. Fessahaie’s achievements to date.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee:

- (1) congratulated Ms. Aster Fessahaie on receiving the Skills for Change “2002 New Pioneers Award”; and expressed appreciation for her work in this regard;
- (2) requested that the City Clerk arrange to show the video on Ms. Fessahaie’s work (that was shown at the New Pioneers Award ceremony) at a meeting of City Council, and that Ms. Fessahaie be invited to attend City Council in recognition of this prestigious award; and
- (3) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to supply the City Clerk with a copy of the video.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Clerk; Ms. Daphne Gaby Donaldson, Chief of Protocol; Ms. Aster Fessahaie; c. General Manager, Children’s Services Division - May 2, 2002)

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The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Chair.